



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
USS PAUL F. FOSTER (DD-964)
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96665

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard
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Subj: Command History for Calendar Year 1979; submission of

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5700.12C

Encl: (1) Basic Historical Narrative

1.(U) In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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COMDESRON TWO-THREE

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BASIC HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

1.(U) Command Organization.

- a. Commanding Officer: Commander Albert L. KAISS, USN.
- b. Executive Officer: Lieutenant Commander Robert R. WILLIAMS, USN.
- c. As of 31 December 1979, the following Department Heads were assigned:

| <u>OFFICER</u> | <u>BILLET</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| LCDR W. J. KEATING | WEAPONS OFFICER |
| LT C. S. VOGAN | OPERATIONS OFFICER |
| LT P. S. SCHULTZ | ENGINEERING OFFICER |
| LT J. J. MACARTHUR | SUPPLY OFFICER |
| LTJG S. K. BANNON | NAVIGATOR |

2.(C) Summary of Operations.

a. During the year, PAUL F. FOSTER became the first SPRUANCE Class destroyer to engage in a Planned Restricted Availability (PRAV). The data obtained eventually formed the basis for all subsequent availability periods for DD963 class ships. The ship was named the Pacific Fleet's "Anti-Submarine Warfare Ship of the Year", and awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for Destroyer Squadron FIVE. PAUL F. FOSTER joined Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-THREE in August of 1979. Numerous Eastern Pacific ports were visited and the ship participated in various operations and exercises prior to deploying to the Western Pacific.

3.(C) Chronology of CY 1979.

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| 1JAN-27MAR | PRAV, San Diego, California. |
| APR-MAY | Various local operations in Southern California op-areas (SOCAL). |
| 26-28MAY | Port visit, San Francisco, California. |
| JUN | Various local operations, SOCAL; COMDESRON FIVE embarked. |
| 2-12JUL | Refresher training. |
| 23JUL-10AUG | COMDESRON FIVE embarked |
| 1-6AUG | Port visit, Seattle, Washington, SEAFAIR 79. |
| 17-24AUG | READIEX 4-79; COMDESRON TWO-THREE embarked. |
| 24SEP-12OCT | FLEETEX 2-79 (KERNEL POTLATCH II); COMDESRON FIVE embarked. |

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6-9OCT

Port visit, Vancouver, B.C.

13OCT-12NOV

Pre-deployment work up, San Diego.

13NOV

Deploy; COMDESRON TWO-THREE embarked,
HSL 33 Det 4 attached.

20-21NOV

Port visit, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
COMDESRON TWO-THREE debarks.

1-31DEC

Guam, M.I., for sonar dome rubber
window change-out. HSL 33 Det 4
debarks. First 963 drydocked in a
floating dry dock.

Enclosure (1)

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